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SUBJECT: UGANDA: MESSAGE TO US GOVERNMENT

REF: BONN 04536

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRG FONOFF FOR TRANS-
MISSION TO AMB. ELLERKMANN IN KAMPALA:
2. UGANDA CHARGE CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MARCH 15 ON
INSTRUCTIONS TO CONFIRM SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE FROM UGANDAN
GOVERNMENT PASSED TO AMB. ELLERKMANN (REFTEL). MESSAGE
AS RELAYED BY CHARGE STATED THAT PRESIDENT AMIN HAD
CLARIFIED STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN OF MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL
ADMINISTRATION, NOT THAT MESSAGE PER SE WAS FROM AMIN.
3. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO CHARGE FOR
HIS CONFIRMATION OF MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, AND ADDED
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THAT US GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN ALARMED BY REPORTS OF
UGANDAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARCH 13 AS WE HAD ACCEPTED ASSUR-
ANCES PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED BY UGANDAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING
SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR FREEDOM TO LEAVE THE
COUNTRY IF THEY SO CHOSE, AND WE PRESUMED THAT THOSE
ASSURANCES REMAINED VALID. CHARGE NOTED THIS STATEMENT
BUT COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED RENEWAL OF ASSURANCES WAS

ADVISABLE, DUE TO DISTORTED PRESS REPORTING AND POSSIBILITY
OF MISINTERPRETATION OF FACTS.

4. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BRITISH WHO CONFIRM
RECEIVING PARALLEL MESSAGE FROM UGANDANS THROUGH FRENCH
EMBASSY KAMPALA. BRITISH DO NOT PLAN TO SEND REPLY,
BELIEVING THAT MESSAGE ONLY REAFFIRMS WHAT WOULD BE
EXPECTED OF ANY GOVERNMENT, AND PRESUMING THAT FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF HMG AT TIME
OF RECEIPT.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE ARE NOT PLANNING FURTHER REPLY
TO UGANDAN MESSAGE. HOWEVER, IF AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN
BELIEVES IT USEFUL, DURING NEXT NORMAL CONTACT WITH
FOREIGN OFFICE, HE MIGHT CONFIRM US RECEIPT OF MESSAGE
AND REACTION RELAYED TO CHARGE AS REPORTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.

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